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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
ANTONUCCI et al  
Serial No.: 09/702,322  
Filed: October 31, 2000  
For: POLYMERIC...ABOVE 100°C

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April 25, 2002

AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of January 17, 2002 please  
amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Claim 12 (amended) A method for conditioning a polymeric  
proton exchange membrane for operation at temperatures above 100°C,  
the method comprising the steps of:

- a: heating the membrane to a temperature at least about 5°C  
above its said intended operating temperature;
- b: selecting a desired percentage of conversion of the  
membrane polymer from an initial amorphous state to a  
crystalline stage;
- c: holding said membrane at an elevated temperature for a  
predetermined interval, wherein the predetermined  
interval has been selected to permit the desired  
percentage conversion of amorphous to crystalline

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